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**North Dakota**  
*Office of the Governor*  
John Hoeven  
*Governor*

**EXECUTIVE ORDER 2002-01**  
**NORTH DAKOTA TASK FORCE ON DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE**

**WHEREAS**, the abuse of alcohol and drugs in the North Dakota represents a significant issue for the citizens of North Dakota; and

**WHEREAS**, substance abuse continues to plague the State with a host of social ills, including adult and juvenile crime, fetal alcohol syndrome, interference with education of our children, domestic violence, work performance, traffic fatalities and erosion of the family structure within our society; and

**WHEREAS**, coordinated policies and programming are necessary to successfully deal with the causes and effects of alcohol and drug abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, programs dealing with education, treatment, prevention, and prosecution of substance abuse offenses, related criminal activity, victims concerns and domestic violence are located in numerous agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, these programs are often without effective coordination and clear policy guidance; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor and Attorney General recognize the need to coordinate the myriad of programs and agency efforts to combat substance abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor and Attorney General will facilitate a statewide program to reduce alcohol and drug abuse, to coordinate prevention, education and law enforcement activities, and to establish clear policy guidance in the substance abuse area.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, John Hoeven, by the virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of North Dakota, do hereby:

- I. Establish the North Dakota Task Force on Drugs and Alcohol Abuse, appointed by the Governor, consisting of the following members, who serve at the pleasure of the Governor:
  - Representative of the Governor's office
  - Four legislators
  - Director of Human Service, or her designee
  - State Health Officer or his designee
  - Indian Affairs Commissioner, or her designee

- Director of the Department of Correction and Rehabilitation, or her designee
  - Superintendent of Schools or his designee
  - Director of the Bureau of Criminal Investigation, or his designee
  - A North Dakota sheriff
  - One, but not more than three, addiction counselors or prevention specialists
  - North Dakota States Attorney
  - A North Dakota Chief of Police
  - Adjutant General of North Dakota National Guard, or his designee
- II. The Task Force shall a) explore the interrelationship between substance abuse prevention, education and enforcement programs; b) design procedures to coordinate resources in the substance abuse area; and c) pursue avenues to ensure future coordination of resources designed to address substance abuse issues.
- III. The Attorney General or his designee shall serve as Chair of the Task Force.
- IV. This order replaces Executive Order 1999-06, which is hereby rescinded.

This order is issued on the basis that the Governor is vested with the Executive authority pursuant to Article V, Section 1 of the North Dakota Constitution.

Executed at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2002.

/s/  
John Hoeven  
Governor

Attest:  
/s/  
Secretary of State